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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) A method of attaching a press-contact terminal to a connector housing, wherein each of said press-contact terminals respectively set in said terminal fitting groove portions, into each of which said wire is press-fitted by performing said wire press-contact method according to claim 1, is pushed out along a longitudinal direction thereof to thereby to be attached in a corresponding one of terminal attaching holes of said connector housing.

Please add new claim 4 as follows:

-- 4. A method of attaching a press-contact terminal to a connector housing, wherein each of said press-contact terminals respectively set in said terminal fitting groove portions, into each of which said wire is press-fitted by performing said wire press-contact method

according to claim 2, is pushed out along a longitudinal direction thereof to thereby to be attached in a corresponding one of terminal attaching holes of said connector housing. --

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 3 is amended and claim 4 is added to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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Attachment: Appendix

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

Claim 4 is added.

The following is a marked-up version of the amended claim:

3. (Amended) A method of attaching a press-contact terminal to a connector housing, wherein each of said press-contact terminals respectively set in said terminal fitting groove portions, into each of which said wire is press-fitted by performing said wire press-contact method according to claim 1 or 2, is pushed out along a longitudinal direction thereof to thereby to be attached in a corresponding one of terminal attaching holes of said connector housing.